

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

Please AMEND the paragraph spanning pages 7-8, as follows:

In the system and the method of the first aspect of the invention, management information of an asset being managed such as the destination MAC (i.e., media access control) address and the sender MAC address as physical addresses uniquely assigned to an apparatus such as a personal computer and the destination IP (i.e., internet protocol) address and the sender IP address identifying the connection node through which the personal computer is connected to a computer network, that is, the location of the apparatus is gathered from the header of information circulating over the computer network, the gathered management information is compared with the storage contents, and when the management information and the storage contents are not the same for a reason such as transfer of the asset to another section, the storage contents is updated by the gathered management information.

Please AMEND the paragraph spanning pages 8-9, as follows:

According to the second and the third aspects of the invention, a software program created by use of an API capable of conversing with the OS (i.e. of an asset such as the personal computer is distributed to the asset to gather information on the software and hardware assets managed by the OS of the personal computer.

Please AMEND the paragraph spanning pages 14-15, as follows:

The asset management client 301 connected to the section LAN 30 gathers management information such as the destination MAC (i.e., media access control) address or the sender MAC address and the destination IP (i.e., internet protocol) address or the sender IP address included in the header from information circulating over the network 20 and addressed to or transmitted from an asset such as a user personal computer 302, a section server 303 or the like of the belonging section of the asset management client 301, and distributes the gathered information to the asset management server 101.

Please AMEND the paragraph spanning pages 16-17, as follows:

When it is determined at step S6-2 that the frame is addressed to another section, the LAN header is searched (step S6-9) and the sender MAC address is obtained (step S6-10). Then, the IP header is searched (step S6-11) and the sender IP address is obtained (step S6-12). Then, the TCP (i.e., transmission control protocol) header is searched (step S6-13) and the sender port number is obtained (step S6-14).